Department of Health and Ageing

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Organisation

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Purpose

The Department of Health and Ageing has a diverse set of responsibilities. Their vision statement is "Better health and active ageing for all Australians". Their aim is to achieve their Vision through strengthening evidence-based policy advising, improving program management, research, regulation and partnerships with other government agencies, consumers and stakeholders.

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Portfolio Budget Statements

Outcome 1: Population Health
A reduction in the incidence of preventable mortality and morbidity in Australia, including through regulation and national initiatives that support healthy lifestyles and disease prevention.

Outcome 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services
Access to cost-effective medicines, including through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and related subsidies, and assistance for medication management through industry partnerships.

Outcome 3: Access to Medical Services
Access to cost-effective medical, practice nursing and allied health services, including through Medicare subsidies for clinically relevant services.

Outcome 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing
Access to quality and affordable aged care and carer support services for older people, including through subsidies and grants, industry assistance, training and regulation of the aged care sector.

Outcome 5: Primary Care
Access to comprehensive, community-based health care, including through first point of call services for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ill-health, and for ongoing management of chronic disease.

Outcome 6: Rural Health
Access to health services for people living in rural, regional and remote Australia, including through health infrastructure and outreach services.

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Outcome 7: Hearing Services
A reduction in the incidence and consequence of hearing loss, including through research and prevention activities, and access to hearing services and devices for eligible people.

Outcome 8: Indigenous Health
Closing the gap in life expectancy and child mortality rates for Indigenous Australians, including through primary health care, child and maternal health, and substance use services.

Outcome 9: Private Health
Improved choice in health services by supporting affordable quality private health care, including through private health insurance rebates and a regulatory framework.

Outcome 10: Health System Capacity and Quality
Improved long-term capacity, quality and safety of Australia's health care system to meet future health needs, including through investment in health infrastructure, international engagement, consistent performance reporting and research.

Outcome 11: Mental Health
Improved mental health and suicide prevention, including through targeted prevention, identification, early intervention and health care services.

Outcome 12: Health Workforce Capacity
Improved capacity, quality and mix of the health workforce to meet the requirements of health services, including through training, registration, accreditation and distribution strategies.

Outcome 13: Acute Care
Improved access to public hospitals, acute care services and public dental services, including through targeted strategies, and payments to State and Territory Governments.

Outcome 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response
Preparedness to respond to national health emergencies and risks, including through surveillance, regulation, prevention, detection and leadership in national health coordination.

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